

Title: "A Blessing Received Through Deception" Part 2  
Text: Genesis 27:18-40  
Theme: God continues to work His highest blessing in Jacob. Jacob's deception of his father was a terrible lack of trust in God's promise. But God is greater than Jacob's deception and turned this deception into blessing for you and me.

**I. Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ the Deception (18-29)**

**II. Esau Desperately Seeks His Father's \_\_\_\_\_ (30-40)**

**III. Applications**

- A. Faith was at work in the \_\_\_\_\_ of redemptive history and is at work in the " \_\_\_\_\_ " of your life.
- B. Covenant living involves a life of \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The blessing of Jacob extends to the one who by \_\_\_\_\_ follows \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. What initially made Isaac skeptical that Esau was standing before him to receive his blessing (v. 20a)?
2. How did Jacob answer his father's skepticism (v. 20b)?
3. What other aspect about this situation raised Isaac's suspicion (v. 22)?
4. What two things about Jacob's ruse swayed Isaac to bless him (vv. 23, 27)?
5. In Isaac's blessing to what did he compare his son (v. 27)?
6. What two particular blessings did Isaac bestow upon his son (vv. 28-29)?
7. What first happened when Esau returned and expected to be blessed by his father (vv. 30-33)?
8. How did Esau react to hearing that his blessing had been taken away by his brother (v. 36)?
9. When Esau pleaded for another blessing from his father, how did Isaac answer him (v. 37)?
10. How did Esau respond to this news (v. 38)?
11. Isaac did have something to say to Esau. What was it (vv. 39-40a)?
12. There was one mitigating aspect to the negative words of Isaac to Esau. What was this promise that would lessen Esau's descendants' subjugation to the descendants of Jacob (v. 40b)?
13. Where do you find faith operative in this unhappy incident (see Hebrews 11:20)?
14. What wrong ideas do Christians often entertain regarding the role and the power of faith?
15. What role does faith play in our justification? In our sanctification? Will we need faith when we are glorified?
16. How has the concept of faith been corrupted by so-called "faith-teachers" in the Church?
17. What is repentance? How prominent an emphasis do you think repentance has been given in the preaching of the Gospel?
18. Does our repentance cause God to forgive us? Why or why not?
19. How necessary is repentance? Is repentance only for the beginning phase of our new life in Christ?
20. What does the blessing of Jacob have to do with your life?